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Art Unit: 3762

For: MEDICAL PUNCTURING DEVICE

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Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Response After Final (including Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent and copy of Request for Filing a Continuing Patent Application); and
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Respectfully submitted,

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